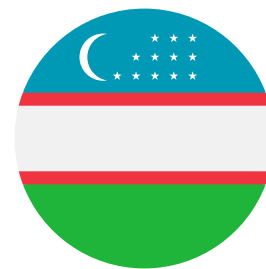




# NSWFA MEMBER BULLETIN #2

MARCH 2023

Passion Excellence Community



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community,  
What a hectic start to the year!



It's been an exhausting and challenging but stimulating and successful time for some of our best young fencers.

After joining the AFF high performance tour of Europe it was back on the plane to Tashkent for the Asian Cadet & Junior Championships then straight back home for the Robyn Chaplin AFC#1 (foil & sabre) comp in Sydney, with just hours to spare.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Junior and Cadet Asian Championships Results
- AFC1 Foil & Sabre Results
- Child Safeguarding
- Wheelchair Fencing
- Our Board
- NSW State Schools Championships
- Northern Regional Competition #1
- Junior Pentathlon World Championships

Read more about their heroic efforts below.

Meanwhile, we're preparing an exciting new Fencing Festival in April. The RISE Olympic Foil Cup for Under10/12/14 coming up soon on 14-16 April is attracting entries from Asia and from around Australia. This is an exciting new concept with generous equipment vouchers for individual medalists and gift for all participants to be won courtesy of our sponsor, RISE Education.

We presented another webinar on child safeguarding, a top priority for NSWFA.

We held our AGM with two new faces elected to the Board.

We teamed up with Paralympics Australia to introduce wheelchair fencing to potential players.

And we're continuing to actively promote fencing to the community with several initiatives, such as the launch of NSWFA column in Mandarin with Australia Today APP, the probably most influential mandarin media in Australia.

Jing Shang



## Junior and Cadet Asian Fencing Championships

### Veronika makes another international final and pockets another medal

In Tashkent, the highlight was Veronika Vasileva's silver medal in Junior Women's Sabre against Uzbekistan's Lara Herrera. VV is placed 5th in the FIE JWS rankings.





# Junior and Cadet Asian Fencing Championships

Great individual performances from:

Top 16:

Sophia Glasson - 11th in CWF and JWF

Gaia Hardge - 13th in JWS

Tommy Xu - 14th in CME



Top 32:

Joseph Glasson - 21st in CMF

Poom Palakawongse - 26th in JMS

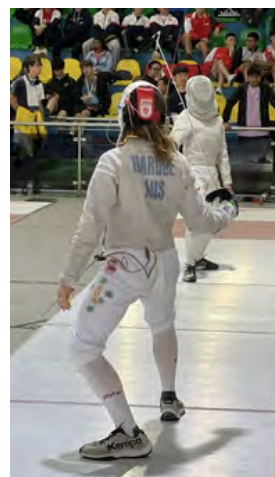
Yelin Zou - 26th in CWS

Tommaso Signorello - 31st in CMF

Gaia Hardge - 32nd in CWS

Amelia Whelan - 32nd in CWF

Yelin Zou - 32nd in JWS



Congratulations to coaches Antonio Signorello, Alex Andre and Simon Capon.



## Junior and Cadet Asian Fencing Championships

NSW fencers were prominent in the Australian teams which performed well, notably the Junior Women's Sabre Team (Gaia Hardge, Yelin Zou, Lily Fallon, Veronika Vasileva) which placed 5th in JWS just missing the podium. Cadet Men's Foil Team (Tommaso Signorello, Joseph Glasson) finished 6th out of 16 teams. Junior Women's Foil Team (Sophia Glasson, Amelia Whelan) finished 6th out of 13 teams.

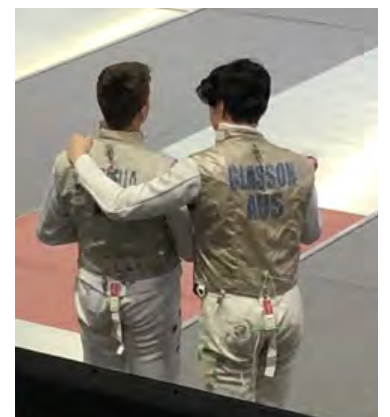




# Junior and Cadet Asian Fencing Championships



## Championships



# Robyn Chaplin Memorial Tournament AFC#1 Foil and Sabre

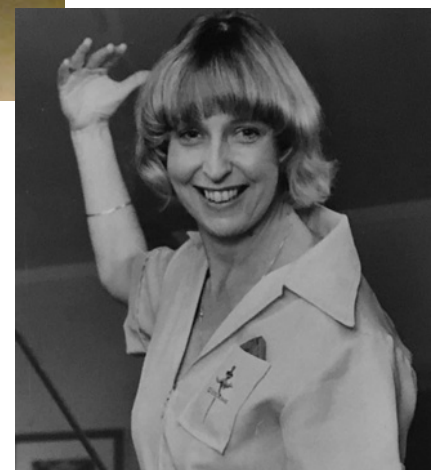
From 11-12 March, NSW welcomed all foil and sabre fencers to the NSW Fencing Centre for our first Australian Fencing Circuit event for 2023. Over the 2 days, NSW delivered some formidable fencing across our Senior and Veteran categories.

The podium was awash with blue as NSW fencers claimed all medals in Senior Men's Foil, Senior Women's Sabre, Veteran Women's Sabre, and Veteran Women's Foil. NSW claimed gold in Senior Men's Sabre, plus gold and bronze in Senior Women's Foil, Veteran Men's Sabre, and Veteran Men's Foil.

Of the 4 Senior events, NSW gained 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze. Plus, 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze were gained in the Veteran events.



Robyn  
Chaplin  
OAM





# Robyn Chaplin Memorial Tournament AFC#1

## Foil and Sabre

### Women's Foil

**Gold:** Sophia Glasson  
**Bronze:** Renee Leung  
**Bronze:** Amelia Whelan



### Veteran Men's Foil

**Gold:** Andrey Tyshchenko  
**Bronze:** Adam Reynolds  
**Bronze:** Adriano Albano



### Veteran Women's Foil

**Gold:** Hilary Byrne  
**Silver:** Annabelle Ballard  
**Bronze:** Abigail Nutt  
**Bronze:** Julia Lyaschenko



### Men's Foil

**Gold:** Joseph Glasson  
**Silver:** Sam Mooney Grand  
**Bronze:** Yves Fontaine  
**Bronze:** Robert Ciccarelli

### Women's Sabre

**Gold:** Zara Djamirze  
**Silver:** Isobel McRobert  
**Bronze:** Tiana Robert's  
**Bronze:** Min Yi Du



### Men's Sabre

**Gold:** Yoongi Shim

### Veteran Women's Sabre

**Gold:** Min Yi Du  
**Silver:** Melissa Yeung

### Veteran Men's Sabre

**Gold:** Radu Vintila  
**Bronze:** Alexander Yee

 Ed Chiu

Congratulations to all fencers who so proudly represented NSW at our first National event!

AFC#1 continues next weekend in Victoria for Epee events.



## Growing Interest in Wheelchair Fencing

The opportunity to take up wheelchair fencing was offered as part of Paralympics Australia's Multi Sport Event at Sydney University on 25 March.

Our Wheelchair Fencing Program, led by Alex Andre, was presented to potential new players and those who tried it reckoned they'll give it a go. They've been invited to join our wheelchair fencing sessions at the Fencing Centre.

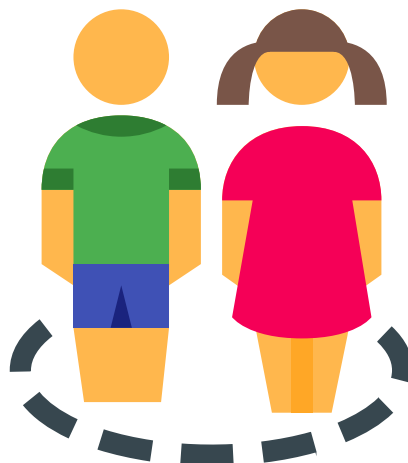
The other sports were para-badminton, wheelchair tennis and para table tennis.

Thank you again to Alex for her dedicated leadership of the Wheelchair Fencing Program.



## Continuing Focus on Child Safeguarding

In the first of our child safeguarding webinars for 2023, our special consultant Jane Thorpe joins MPIO Aleksandra Kotevski to canvas an important topic of vital interest to young fencers and their parents. If you weren't able to join us online, you can see it [here](#).



## Another Reminder on Coach Accreditation

Coaches, if your name doesn't appear on the AFF list of accredited coaches you need to update your accreditation. Absence from the list may indicate that your WWCC has expired. In this case it's essential that you renew it if you want to keep working in schools, clubs and instruct fencers under the age of 18.

Please go to the AFF Portal to check:  
<https://www.ausfencing.org/portal/>





## Welcome Aboard!

At the annual general meeting of members of the NSW Fencing Association on 26 February, Jing Shang was elected a Director for her second 4-year term.

Adam O'Neil and Alessandra Wollaston were elected for their first terms.

Alessandra is President of Mountains Fencing Club and has led the resurgence of Mountains in recent years.

Adam is a fencing parent who will bring his business expertise to the board.

As well as the elected Directors, the Board includes two Appointed Directors selected by the Board to bring their special skills to the benefit of the Association.

Kimbrian Canavan and Ying Cen were re-appointed, Kimbrian for his IT experience and Ying for her relationship-building with the Chinese-Australian community.

*Congrats!*



## Appointment of office holders

At a meeting immediately after the AGM, Jing Shang was re-appointed President, Duncan Fairweather as Vice President & Secretary, Adam O'Neil as Finance Director and John Frew as Regional Director.

## 32nd NSW State Schools Championships

Getting underway on Saturday 25 March, the School Championships will bring together primary & secondary school students, girls & boys, in individual and team contests in all three weapons.

As well as competing for individual medals, fencers will represent their schools in the Roberta Nutt, Roseanne White and AJ Rae Shields events.

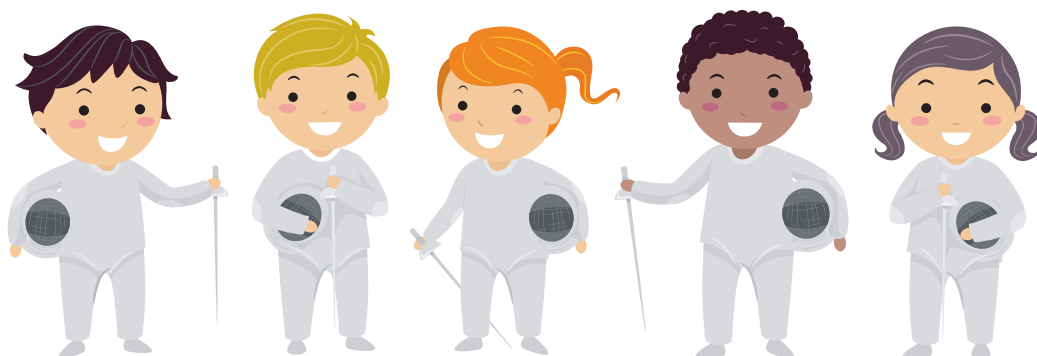
It's important for parents to know that the Schools Championships are open to ALL school-age fencers, not just those who attend schools where fencing is an organised sport.

Participation requires Junior Participative membership of NSWFA and entry to each event. Note that each school fencer must register as a member individually (\$50) and tell their school their membership details. The school will look after entry for competitions but those who don't attend a fencing school will need to do their own competition entry (\$45).

More details and registration/entry links here.

<https://nswfencing.org.au/school/>

Providing referees for Schools is a challenge and NSWFA appreciates the efforts made by schools to provide volunteer refs. This year a referee clinic will be held 30 minutes before the start of each competition to freshen up weapon rules and answer any questions from schools refs. These sessions will be led by coach Amelie Awong - former women's epee champion of France.





## Sorry, We Got it Wrong

At a recent competition (Season Opener Veteran Epee) the two pools were drawn up 'manually' when the DT had a problem plugging State rankings into the pools allocation.

After pools, a protest was made that the imbalance in strength between the pools unfairly disadvantaged fencers in the stronger pool. While the outcome of the pools round could not be changed, NSWFA accepts this situation was not satisfactory.

In future, pools will always be allocated based on State rankings. If that can't be done for any reason, the DT will advise fencers before the pools round begins so they can raise any concerns about the composition of pools.

## “The weather was warm. The fencing was hot.”

Fencing fires up in Newcastle as our Regional Director John Frew reports:

"Fencers from five clubs took to the piste at Northern Sport Fencing's first open competition of the year hosted by the Lake Macquarie PCYC. Regional open events are often considered a good grounding to competition fencing.

Fencers from Penrith Fencing and Silver Swords Academies made their way on the short journey north to compete with fencers from Newcastle PCYC, Lake Macquarie Fencing Club, Newcastle University and Maitland PCYC clubs.

In all, 25 fencers competed in open mixed foil, women's foil and mixed epee.



WELL DONE!





**“The weather was warm. The fencing was hot.”**



The 15 foil entries included 6 women, allowing a women's round won by Ashlin Stokes (Silver Swords) ahead of the silver medallist Lucy Fennell, with bronze to Noriko Fennell (Newcastle PCYC) and Colleen Stokes (Silver Swords).

Ashlin also won the mixed competition in a final contested with Anthony Birt (Newcastle PCYC) to make it two golds for her for the day. The bronzes were won by Wyatt Bax (Penrith) and Nicholas Stokes (Silver Swords).

The men's epee gold was won by resident "artiste on the piste" Alban Wallner (Newcastle PCYC) showing his customary precise line and powerful style, with Anthony Birt (Newcastle PCYC) taking his second silver for the day. Peter Hooker (Newcastle University) shared bronze with Rene Kopic (Penrith)."

Full details of another successful Newcastle event here:  
[www.facebook.com/NewcastlePCYCF](http://www.facebook.com/NewcastlePCYCF)

## And News from Further North...

Congratulations to Zara Temesi and Tully Watt of Coffs Penta for their 4th place in the Junior Pentathlon World Championships in Poland.

See them in action, and much more about the very active Coffs Penta club on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/coffs.penta/>

Contact: Eszter Hortobagyi at [eszter11@hotmail.com](mailto:eszter11@hotmail.com)





2023

## Wheelchair Fencing Program

### “INTRODUCTION TO FENCING”

Fencing Academy of NSW  
– Sabre Wheelchair Training Program

Dreaming of the Paralympics or just want to do something fun? The Fencing Academy of NSW is running a weekly Sabre Wheelchair Program in 2023. Located at the NSW Duncan Fairweather Fencing Centre in Alexandria. Come and join this exciting new Fencing program. Suitable from age of 10 +

Contact us now to book a trial or for more information!

Fencing is for Life!

Contact: [alex.andre@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:alex.andre@nswfencing.org.au)

PARALYMPIC  
SPORT

LEARN HOW TO  
FENCE

WHEELCHAIR  
DEVELOPMENT  
PATHWAY  
PROGRAM

SUITABLE FROM 10+  
CATEGORIES ARE  
CADET (U17), U23 &  
SENIOR

DREAMING  
OF  
BRISBANE  
2032





MINI SERIES - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

# 2023 SYDNEY OLYMPIC CUP

NSW Mini Series - the Sydney Olympic Cup

NSWFA is hosting the Sydney Olympic Cup where Fencers represent their Fencing Club. There will be events in U8, U10, U12 and U14 for all weapons; Epee, Foil and Sabre.

[Like the Olympics, fencers will compete for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place!!](#)

The Sydney Olympic Cup will run over 2 weekends in March  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
U10 & U14 Epee, Foil and Sabre

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
U8 & U12 Epee, Foil and Sabre

Fencers must be members of NSWFA in order to register and compete, either 2023 Junior Participative or Junior Competitive

Entry links:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300020>

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

U10

Epee, Foil & Sabre

U14

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

U8

Epee, Foil & Sabre

U12

Epee, Foil & Sabre

NSW Fencing  
Association

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MINI SERIES #1



SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
**2023 PRESIDENT'S OPEN  
CUP**

**NSW State Open Competition &  
2023 Veteran Challenge #2**

NSW Fencing Association presents....  
The 2023 President's Open Cup for all weapons  
Also includes the NSW Veteran circuit – "Veteran Challenge".

Open and Veteran individual events in Epee, Foil and Sabre  
Perfect preparation for AFC #2 in Brisbane!!

Fencer's will require 2023 Junior & Senior Competitive  
Memberships  
Please note the equipment standard required in updated  
NSWFA Policy

Entry Link:  
<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300029>

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

2023 Season Opener

Open

Epee, Foil & Sabre

2023 Veteran Challenge

#2

Veteran

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Entry close 6:00pm

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

NSW Fencing  
Association

2023

Fencers must be  
Junior or Senior  
Competitive

# RISE OLYMPIC FOIL CUP



The Fencing Festival in April

Generous award  
for medalists

INDIVIDUAL & CLUB TEAM

14 APR 23 FRI U14  
15 APR 23 SAT U12  
16 APR 23 SUN U10

All individual medalists will receive  
generous equipment voucher from our sponsor RISE  
**Gold value of \$400 / Silver \$200 / Bronze \$100**

Gift for Top 8 individual finish  
Tshirt for all participant



HOST: NSW FENCING ASSOCIATION

BLDG 2, 190 BOURKE ROAD,  
ALEXANDRIA, NSW 2015

WWW.NSWFENCING.ORG.AU

Interstate Entry & Inquiry:  
entries@nswfencing.org.au



NSWFA MEMBER  
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

TEAM ENTRY - FOR  
CLUB ADMIN USE

REGISTRATION: FOR  
OVERSEAS FENCERS





# 17<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## NSW AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOIL & EPEE FENCING CAMP

This NSW Fencing Association Holiday Fencing Camp is suitable for School Fencers of all ages and levels, including complete beginners.

From the age of 9 + to 16

- Fencers must be 2023 Junior Participative or Junior Competitive
- The Camp will include; games, agility, speed and coordination exercises, fencing footwork, technical and tactical drills, group lessons, plus lots of Fencing

Daily sessions 9:30am – 3:30pm

1 Day - \$100 2 Days - \$185

Registration Link:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300032>



9:30am -3:30pm  
Drop off from 9am

Weapon – Foil &  
Epee for School &  
Beginners

Beginners &  
Intermediate  
(suitable for little  
Fencers from 9+)

Bring water, lunch,  
and your equipment  
if you have any or  
else it will be  
provided

Includes coaching  
and electric fencing

NSWFC  
Building 2  
190 Bourke Rd.  
Alexandria 2015

[www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au)



19<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

## Sabre Autumn Training Camp

April School Holiday Program

This NSW Fencing Association Camp is suitable for Fencers of all ages and levels, including complete beginners. From the age of 7+ to Junior (U20) Sabre Fencers

The Camp will include; agility, speed and coordination exercises, footwork, technical and tactical drills, Fencing lessons and lots of Fencing

Daily sessions 9:30am - 3:30pm  
\$100 - 1 day \$185- 2 days

Registration Link:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300030>



19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

April

2 Days Sabre Camp

ALL Levels

Complete Beginners  
to State Squad Fencer

U8 - U14

U15 - Cadet & Junior

Sabre

9:30 - 3:30 Daily

NSW Duncan  
Fairweather Fencing  
Centre

Building 2, Level 1

190 Bourke Road

Alexandria

2023 Junior Participative or  
Junior Competitive  
Membership needed



## 2023 NSW GIRL'S & WOMEN'S SABRE WORKSHOPS

### State Girl's & Women's Sabre Workshops - 2023

NSW Fencing Association will be running Sunday Sabre Workshops for Women's and Girl's Sabre development. The workshops will focus on agility, coordination and speed drills. Technical and tactical Fencing "game" through footwork, structured bouting, video analysis session and competitive Fencing.

Register for the workshops is **FREE**

**Workshop**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Suitable for  
2017 – 2009 & 2007 - 2003

#### Registration Link:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300031>

Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> June

9:30 – 4:30

Bring Lunch and  
Drinks / Fencing  
Equipment with  
you

2017 – (U20)  
Junior Fencer's  
are welcome to  
join

Fencers must be members  
of NSW Fencing  
Association for 2023

The Workshop is FREE, but  
Fencers must register





# 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 KOALA MINI CHALLENGE & FRIENDSHIP TEAM CUP

Calling all Minime U8 to U14 Fencers!

Come along and join the NSW Fencing Association's 2023 Koala Mini Challenge, with over 7 days of Fencing!! Fencers are invited from all over Australia, Asia and Oceania

Koala Mini Challenge

U8, U10, U12 & U14 Individual Epee, Foil and Sabre  
(2017 – 2009)

Friendships Team Cup

U12 Teams Epee, Foil and Sabre

The Tournament will run directly prior to the 2023 AFF Youth (U15) and Cadet (U17) National Championships in Sydney



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

U10 Foil

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

U10 Epee & Sabre

U8 Epee

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

U12 & U8 Foil

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

U12 Epee & Sabre

U8 Sabre

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

U12 Teams

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

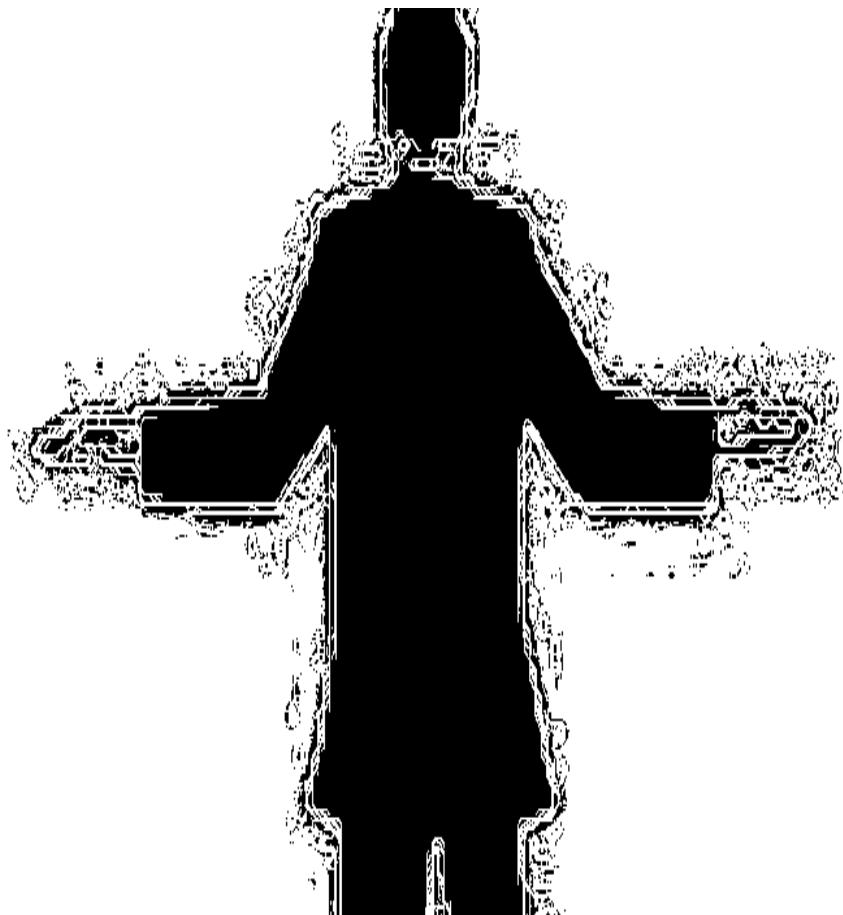
U14 Foil

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

U14 Epee & Sabre

Gold, Silver & equal  
Bronze + 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place  
awards

NSW Fencing  
Association Presents  
the 2023 KMC & Friend  
Team Cup



## NSW STATE REFEREE & COMPETITION "DIRECTOR TECHNIQUE"

BECOME A STATE REFEREE OR A  
COMPETITION DT

THESE ARE PAID POSITIONS WITH NSWFA

Interested in becoming a State Referee or DT (Operational Or Manager / Logistics). Contact NSW Fencing Association for more information.

EMAIL: [alex.andre@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:alex.andre@nswfencing.org.au)

LOOKING FOR A  
WEEKEND JOB?

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LEARN HOW TO  
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ON THE JOB  
TRAINING FOR DT

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